



<b>Last name</b>	Maki
<b>First Name</b>	Masaki
<b>Position</b>	Pitcher
<b>Ht</b>	6'1"
<b>Wt</b>	171
<b>Throw</b>	L
<b>Bats</b>	L
<b>Birth Date</b>	2/13/76
<b>Pro Status</b>	Free Agent
<b>Previous Organization Name</b>	The Yomiuri Giants
<b>2003 Contract Status</b>	Calgary Outlaws, Canadian League
<b>Marital Status</b>	Married
<b>Children</b>	One
<b>Nationality</b>	Japan
<b>Education</b>	College Graduate – Hosei Univ.
<b>Legal Problems</b>	Visa Needed
<b>Player Make-up/Personality</b>	He is rather quiet, but does possess strong mental strength hidden inside. However, once he loses his emotional control, he could go wild. He is externally sensitive and detailed.
<b>Pitcher type</b>	Starter
<b>Ave Velocity (Last Year)</b>	86 mph
<b>Max Velocity (Last Year)</b>	89 mph
<b>Velocity history</b>	93 mph in college league
<b>Game Stats</b>	See "Game Stats"
<b>Japan Major Experience</b>	In 1998, he was drafted as the 1 <sup>st</sup> round pick by the Kintetsu Buffalos with a sign-on bonus of \$1,000,000. In 1998, as part of the starting pitcher line-up, he won 6 games and became a candidate for the rookie of the year. Until the middle of the year 1999, he was used as a starter, but due to the lack of performance, he was given a set-upper role. In 2000, he started as a set-upper, but was not stable. As a result, he went back and forth between major and minor all year long. In 2001, although he was not given a much chance in the minor system of the Buffaloes, since there was a lack of lefties in the system, the Yomiuri Giants acquired him in the middle of the

	season. But again he did not deliver on the expectations. In 2002, he started in the minor and stayed there all year long. Toward the end of the season, he started to pitch better, touching 89mph range, but was released by the Giants by the end of 2002.
<b>Scouting Report</b>	In words

### Japan Professional League Stats by Year (Major)

Year	Club	Game	W	L	S	Innings	K	ERA
1998	Kintetsu Buffaloes	24	6	6	0	106	79	3.89
1999	Kintetsu Buffaloes	16	3	6	0	64	32	6.89
2000	Kintetsu Buffaloes	15	2	2	0	38	27	3.32
2001	Kintetsu Buffaloes	3	0	0	0	3	0	4.91
2002	Tokyo Yomiuri Giants	13	0	2	0	15	11	4.20
	<b>Career Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>4.68</b>

### 2003 Canadian Professional League Stats by Game

Date	G	GS	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	ERA(YTD)
5/23/03	1	1	0-0	6	6	4	2	3	5	1	3.00
5/30/03	2	2	(W,1-0)	6.2	9	4	4	2	3	0	4.26
6/7/03	3	3	1-1	5	6	4	3	1	3	1	4.58
6/13/03	4	4	2-1	5	6	3	3	1	4	0	4.76
6/20/03	5	5	3-1	7	7	5	5	1	3	1	5.16
6/27/03	6	6	3-1	7	8	3	3	1	2	0	4.91
7/4/03	7	7	4-1	7	6	3	3	3	7	0	4.74
7/11/03	8	8	4-2	1.2	4	5	5	2	0	2	5.56

### 2003 Canadian Professional League Total

Pitching	G	GS	W	L	SV	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP	BAA
Masaki Maki	8	8	4	2	0	0	0	45 1/3	52	31	28	5	14	33	5.56	1.456	.280

## Scouting Report

He was considered one of the best lefties out of college 6 years ago, resulting in being picked in the first round of JPN draft by the Kintetsu Buffaloes. He is lean, but has flexible and strong muscles that produced 93mph pitches. He dominated the college league with his fastball and a wide slider that went at 81mph. He won 25 games throughout his college baseball career. Even though he does not have detailed control over his pitches, he does not have any problem acquiring strikes. He is not a power pitcher, but acquires outs with good combinations of fastball and slider.

His arm is hard to see being hidden behind his body, but he has a tendency to bring up his arm a little too early. He steps inside crossing across his body which may be causing some mechanical deficiencies in his delivery. He has quite good skill of pick-off. He used to pick-off the runners at least twice a game.

He does not pitch well in the early innings. He needs to be warmed up enough to perform well. He is aggressive and would go inside often with his fastball.

In his professional career, he has acquired good curve balls and split finger fastballs. His slider has gotten much sharper, and his splitter drops quickly making it hard to distinguish it from a fastball.

By not being able to find a right mechanism of his pitching and training methods, his velocity has gone down to the current level of the mid 80s to the upper 80s. However, it is already showing an improvement since he came to the US and encountered a different kind of pitching theories and mechanism. This change of environment may allow him to find new ways of regaining his velocity like it did for Ohka and Hasegawa. Nevertheless, he is still young and could be retrained to pitch much better.

In 2003, he joined the Calgary Outlaws of the Canadian league as the second starter of the team. Also his overall stats suffered by the last appearance that lasted only 1.2 innings. Other than that, he was solid and coming strong for the rest of the season, striking out 33 for 44 innings pitched.

However, the season of the Canadian league was disrupted by the financial as well as front office issues, and was cut by half finishing its inaugural season on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The US teams were out of consideration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season due to the lack of US visa and the time to obtain it (2 months).



<b>Last name</b>	Muranishi
<b>First Name</b>	Tatsuhiko
<b>Position</b>	Outfielder
<b>Ht</b>	5'8" (175 cm)
<b>Wt</b>	165 (75kg)
<b>Throw</b>	R
<b>Bats</b>	Switch
<b>Birth Date</b>	10/08/78
<b>Pro Hoisory</b>	Released from Japanese Pro League - The Nippon Ham Fighters
<b>Organization Name</b>	Florence Freedom
<b>2003 Contract Status</b>	The Lincoln Saltdogs – The Evansville Otters – The Florence Freedom
<b>Marital Status</b>	Not Married
<b>Children</b>	N/A
<b>Nationality</b>	Japan
<b>Education</b>	College – Aichi Gakuin
<b>Visa</b>	Required
<b>Player type</b>	Lead-off hitter and Wide range and strong arm defensive player. In batting, bunt hits, infield hit with grounders. Spry it to every direction in outfield with line drives. Once on the base, he aggressively steals bases.
<b>Game Stats</b>	See "Game Stats"
<b>60 Yard Run</b>	6.6 sec
<b>Japan Major Experience</b>	Drafted in 2001 at the 8 <sup>th</sup> round by the Ham Fighters. Debut in JPN minor in 2002. However, got released at the end of 2002 for a low performance? (he was not in fact given much chance to play).
<b>Scouting Report</b>	In words.

## Game Stats

### 2002 Japan Pro Minor League

Avg.	G	AB	R	Hit	2B	3B	HR	ERA	BB	BS	SO	SLG	OBP
.154	56	30	10	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	11	.154	.212

### 2003 Florence Freedom of the Frontier league July 24-August 31<sup>st</sup> 2003

Avg.	G	AB	R	Hit	2B	3B	HR	ERA	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
.311	33	122	15	38	1	1	0	7	14	27	13	6	.336	.387

## Scouting Report

Up on graduating, knowing that he was not going to be drafted, with his dream of becoming a professional, he joined a baseball academy in Los Angeles in spring 2001.

Returning home in fall 2001, he went on to a tryout by the Ham Fighters. Passing the tryout, he was drafted at the 8<sup>th</sup> round.

However, he was released by the end of the 2002 season due to the lack of performance as stated above. Although, his tools are recognized and has been attractive to many, he was not given another chance in Japan.

Up on arriving here in the US, his tools especially his running speed and arm strength were noticed and attracted many including major league scouts. However, due to the lack of track records of stats to indicate his abilities, most of major league scouts applied a wait-and-see stance on him.

Nevertheless, it took almost 4 months to clear the way for Tatus to play baseball and all the issues prevented him from playing are behind him (visa process delay and administrative issues, etc.).

He joined the Florence Freedom of the Frontier league on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and was put on the roster right of the bat as the starting center fielder and lead-off batter of the team.



<b>Last name</b>	Okuda
<b>First Name</b>	Masaru
<b>Position</b>	Shortstop
<b>Ht</b>	5'11"
<b>Wt</b>	187
<b>Throw</b>	R
<b>Bats</b>	R
<b>Birth Date</b>	8/25/80
<b>College Name</b>	Soka Univ., Japan
<b>Previous Experience</b>	College Player
<b>2003 Contract Status</b>	Kelowna Heat, Canadian League
<b>Nationality</b>	Japan
<b>Visa</b>	Required
<b>Player Make-up/Personality</b>	Quiet, but passion for baseball is strong. Determined to play baseball in the US.
<b>Player type</b>	Defensive player with a minimum power. Makes good contacts. <b>High Average hitter. Has a good skill to steal bases.</b>
<b>60 Yard Run</b>	6.8 sec
<b>Scouting Report</b>	In words.

### 2003 Canadian Professional League Stats

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
21	63	7	19	0	0	0	5	11	15	3	3	.302	.405	.302	.707

### Scouting Report

He started his first professional season as a utility man. However, the chance to show what he has came right on the first day due to the injury of the starting shortstop at the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. He put out a single right off the bat, and continued to do so throughout the season. After the return of the starting shortstop, he was moved to the second base and shared the play time with an ex-AAA second baseman.

He came in the 2nd place in the batting average and on-base average on the team. Most of all, his on-base percentage of .407 is officially recorded as #15 in the league.

As he was acquired by the league for his defensive skills, he has surprised a lot of people by his clutch hits and his ability to make contacts. Unfortunately, the league

was disrupted by its financial and front office issues, and was cut in half finishing its inaugural season on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Due to the visa issue that the US visa takes 2 months to acquire, he was not able to play the rest of season in the US.



<b>Date of This Report</b>	8/1/03
<b>Last name</b>	Robinson
<b>First Name</b>	Sean
<b>Position</b>	Outfielder
<b>Height</b>	6'2"
<b>Weight</b>	210
<b>Throw</b>	R
<b>Bats</b>	R
<b>Age/ Birth Date</b>	24 10/2/79
<b>Organization Name</b>	Membrilleros de Magdalena, Stats 2003 - Liga Norte de Sonora
<b>2003 Contract Status</b>	Free Agent
<b>Marital Status</b>	Not Married
<b>Children</b>	N/A
<b>Nationality</b>	US Citizen
<b>Education</b>	Some College
<b>Visa Status</b>	N/A
<b>60 yard run</b>	6.9
<b>Game Stats</b>	See "Game Stats"
<b>Major Experience</b>	No
<b>Injury History</b>	No
<b>Scouting Report</b>	In words

### Game Stats

Org.	Membrilleros de Magdalena, Stats 2003 - Liga Norte de Sonora Affiliate farm team of the Sultanes de Monterrey - Mexican League														
	G	AB	R	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG	AVG
	20	66	9	10	5	3	3	15	8	12	7	2	.400	.621	.318
Org.	Club Langosteros de Cancun: Spring Training 2003 Mexican League of Professional Baseball														
	G	AB	R	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG	AVG
	8	36	10	6	2	1	2	8	3	5	0	2	.389	.636	.333
Org.	Class A Tournament of San Cristobal, 2002 Stats San Cristobal, Dominican Republic														
	G	AB	R	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG	AVG
	30	138	28	21	4	7	6	15	5	7	8	2	.341	.574	.295

## **Scouting Report**

In 2002, he played summer league baseball in the Dominican Republic, and he was coached at the Marichal Baseball School in the Dominican Republic. Having shown his full potential there, he was invited to Mexican Professional Baseball League spring training 2003, Club Langosteros de Cancun. However, he did not make a cut and got released. He returned to the states on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 2000, and joined the Arizona-Mexico league.

However, upon reporting to the league, he noticed the financial difficulty of the league by being asked to cut his salary in half, etc. He decided not to play in the league which eventually closed its operation in 2 weeks into the season in 2003. He headed down to Mexico to join Membrilleros de Magdalena, - Liga Norte de Sonora, affiliate farm team of the Sultanes de Monterrey - Mexican League.

The 2003 season of the league has ended, and he is ready to take another journey to reach a higher goal in baseball.

<b>Last name</b>	Taylor
<b>First Name</b>	Derrick
<b>Position</b>	CF
<b>Ht</b>	5'7"
<b>Wt</b>	160
<b>Throw</b>	Rt
<b>Bats</b>	Lt
<b>Birth Date</b>	11-10-78
<b>Organization Name</b>	Macon Peaches
<b>2003 Contract Status</b>	Left the team to take care Mom suffering a cancer after playing 11 games. Ready to get back!
<b>Marital Status</b>	Single
<b>Children</b>	0
<b>Nationality</b>	US Citizen
<b>Education</b>	College Graduate (Southern University)
<b>Visa</b>	N/A
<b>Game Stats</b>	See below
<b>60 Yard Run</b>	6.6
<b>Japan Major Experience</b>	N/A
<b>Scouting Report</b>	N/A

## Game Stats

### 2003 Macon Peaches

AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BS	SO	SLG	OBP
.200	11	45	8	9	0	1	0	3	4	1	13	.244	.265

### 2003 AABCA (Amateur League) with Houston Hornets

AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BS	SO	SLG	OBP
.562	10	32	15	18	4	1	1	12	14	22	1	.244	.265

### 2003 AABCA (Amateur League) with Houston Wolves

AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	BS	SO	SLG	OBP
.500	6	18	7	9	2	0	0	6	8	11	2	.611	.692

## **Scouting Report**

He only played professionally 11 games in 2003, and did not have a chance to show what he has due to his mother's illness for which he left the team.

He is back in the game, but the season is almost over and cannot find a club to play for professionally. His mother is healthy again and he started to play with the regional amateur league to keep up with his games.

Defensively he is an above average outfielder with a wide range. If anything, his arm could be stronger.

Offensively, he is a lead-off and the bottom of the line-up type. He uses his speed to produce bunt and infield hits. His best selling tool is ability to steal bases.



<b>Last name</b>	Nagasaki
<b>First Name</b>	Hideki
<b>Position</b>	Pitcher
<b>Ht</b>	5'7"
<b>Wt</b>	170
<b>Throw</b>	R
<b>Bats</b>	R
<b>Birth Date</b>	25 – 8/1/78
<b>College Name</b>	Tokai University. Japan
<b>2003 Season Status</b>	NBC Beatrice Bruins(Nebraska)
<b>Nationality</b>	Japan
<b>Education</b>	College
<b>Legal issues</b>	H2B Visa Needed
<b>Pitcher type</b>	Starter
<b>Type of Pitches</b>	4 seamer, Curb, Slider, Change up
<b>Ave Velocity (03)</b>	92
<b>Max Velocity (Last Year)</b>	94
<b>Scouting Report</b>	In words

### 2003 NBC Beatrice Bruins (Nebraska)

G	GS	W	L	SV	AB	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	SO/GM
6	3	3	0	1	98	0	27.7	17	3	1	0	11	37	0.33	12.64

### 2002 The Southwestern league the Steelheads Stats

No detailed stats are available, but please refer to the attached news article.

### 1998 Tokai University Junior Year (No detailed stats available)

G	GS	W	L	SV	AB	IP	H	R	ER	ERA
10	4	3	1	0	154	36 2/3	20	9	9	2.21

- The National College Championship (Tournament)

He pitched for 3 out of 4 national championship games.

For the first game, he pitched from the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning for 6 & 2/3 innings, and recorded no hitter. Acquired a win.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, pitched from the 1<sup>st</sup> inning and pitched for 7 innings with no run. Acquired the 2<sup>nd</sup> win.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> (Final) game, pitched from the 1 & 2/3 inning for the 7 & 1/3 innings. The team lost the game, but He did not get a loss.

### **1996 Tokai Univ. the 3<sup>rd</sup> High school Senior Year**

At the National High School Summer Tournament

<b>G</b>	<b>Innings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>ERA</b>
7	52	6	1	20	18	78	3	3	0.52

### **Scouting Report**

He is a sold power pitcher with 92-94 mph fastball, and with above average breaking balls that are controlled well to accommodate his winning shot, 94 mile 4 seamer. If you look at his high school records, his ERA and Strikeout counts stand out, and in fact those were the top records in the nation for 1996, and he was considered the best pitcher of the year.

With his glorious high school baseball records, he went onto college. He had to make that move more for a political reason. Since he attended a high school owned by Tokai University, he was not allowed to go professional right away, but to go to Tokai University. In fact, this happens a lot. If the manage of affiliated high schools failed to send best calibers up, oftentimes the manager will loose his position.

As expected, he performed well and led the team to the National Championship in the junior year. However, the end of the junior year changed his life completely. He quit baseball over the disagreement with the team head coach. He stayed with the college and graduated, but did not play baseball until 2002 when he realized he was not able to put baseball behind him and wanted to play again.

He joined a baseball academy in Los Angeles in 2002, and has regained his confidence and pitching again. In addition, he played for the Frontier league and the Steelheads of the bankrupted Western league 2003. However, he did not notice that the league went bankrupt until March 2003 where it was too late to play professional in the US due to the length of time required to process visa.

As a result In 2003, he played in the US amateur league, the NBC. He played with Beatrice Bruins, Nebraska. In which he did great as shown in his stats.

Being able to confirm himself that he could execute pretty much the same pitching and velocity as in the past, he realized that he needed to aim higher. In a pursuit for major league career, he joined BeyondPacific.com.

## Yen for baseball

### Japanese import adds power to Steelheads' rotation

By Dave Carpenter/Sports Writer

**Hideki Nagasaka** is not the prototype power pitcher.

No, the newest Solano Steelhead, an import from Japan, is 5-foot-7 and maybe weighs 145 pounds.

Still, he can deliver a fastball about 90 mph.

"I like Nolan Ryan," **Nagasaka** said when asked who his baseball hero is.

Ryan, of course, is a Hall of Famer who could register 100 mph on a radar gun.

But despite **Nagasaka's** short stature, he has impressed his new Steelheads coaches.

"It's almost like he's throwing uphill," closer and pitching coach Tim Scott said. "Almost like he is throwing a rise ball. He's got a good curve and a good slider. We're trying to speed up his delivery with runners on base. He's very teachable and the sky's the limit for him. He's very young."

**Nagasaka**, 24, has played baseball competitively for 13 years. He was a pitcher in high school and at Tokay College in Japan. He came to the United States seven months ago and played in the Frontier League earlier in the season.

But despite the popularity of baseball in his homeland, **Nagasaka** wants to live out his dream of playing professional baseball in the U.S.

"I love American baseball," he said. "I love America."

The English language still presents a barrier for him, but he has been learning for three years. Although he has trouble understanding English at times, it has not prevented him from fitting into the Steelheads' clubhouse, according to manager Brent Bowers.

"Since he's come here, everyone likes him like he's been here (all season)," Bowers said.

On the mound, **Nagasaka** has had his ups and downs. In three games, he has allowed nine hits and five earned runs in 8 2/3 innings. He has walked five and struck out three.

He struggled some in his second start in Friday's 4-3 loss against the Yuma Bullfrogs. He surrendered five hits and three runs in just 3 1/3 innings, but entered the game with a 3.38 ERA. **Nagasaka** was impressive in his first start against the Chico Heat on Aug. 10. He pitched 4 1/3 innings, allowing four hits and two runs. He started to show wear in the fifth inning.

Bowers said **Nagasaka's** size initially fools opposing batters.

"He's sneaky," Bowers said. "When hitters see him, they think, how many hits am I gonna get? In Chico, in the first four innings he gave up two or three hits."

In his Western Baseball League debut against the Long Beach Breakers the week prior, **Nagasaka** pitched a perfect inning of relief. That's when he got Scott's attention.

"He came out at Long Beach and had a really good arm," Scott said. "One thing he brings is a lot of enthusiasm, outside of talent. You can't help but like a guy like that."



<b>Last name</b>	Takagi
<b>First Name</b>	Masahiro
<b>Position</b>	Pitcher
<b>Ht</b>	6'1"
<b>Wt</b>	170
<b>Throw</b>	R
<b>Bats</b>	R
<b>Birth Date</b>	4/26/75
<b>College Name</b>	Reitetsu Univ. Japan
<b>Previous Experience</b>	Amateur leagues in Japan
<b>2003 Contract Status</b>	Kelowna Heat, Canadian League
<b>Nationality</b>	Japan
<b>Education</b>	College
<b>Legal Problems</b>	Visa Needed
<b>Player Make-up/Personality</b>	Quiet, but Go-getter,
<b>Pitcher type</b>	Starter
<b>Ave Velocity (Last Year)</b>	84
<b>Max Velocity (Last Year)</b>	87
<b>Scouting Report</b>	In words

### 2003 Canadian Professional League Stats

G	GS	W	L	SV	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHP	BAA
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2 1/3	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2 2/3	7	8	4	1	2	1	6.75	18.56	.348
4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 1/3	3	1	0	0	0	0	5.40	2.4	.355
5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1/3	0	0	0	0	1	1	4.70	2.217	.324
<b>Total</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	7 2/3	11	9	4	1	6	3	4.70	2.217	.324

\* ERA, WHP, BAA shown as YTD

## Scouting Report

His pitching is nothing extraordinary, but everything is above par and would consistently produce results. He would be best utilized as a short inning set-upper who would steadily keep the pace of the game in order. He is a grounder-pitcher using a variety of breaking balls, slider, curve balls, splitter, and changeups.

Besides his steadiness, he commands his pitches well and puts balls in and out of the plates well. It is probably recommended that his velocity is needed to enhance and should add a couple of miles to it.

In his first professional year, as predicted, he was used as a set-upper on the team. Other than one appearance in which he gave up 7 hits and 8 runs (4 earned runs), he performed decently as a rookie. Due to the existence of a more experienced set-upper, he only received 5 pitching appearances.

If anything, he still struggles with establishing his pitching patterns that comes with the lack of years as professional, but with more play time, his command and breaking balls should effectively work to off-balance batters and be able to pass the off-balanced batting line-up to the closer.

Due to the early closure of the inaugural season of the Canadian league as well as the lack of visa, he was not able to play in the US for the rest of the 2003 season.



<b>Last name</b>	Hashimoto
<b>First Name</b>	Go
<b>Position</b>	First/Third Base
<b>Ht</b>	6'0"
<b>Wt</b>	190
<b>Throw</b>	R
<b>Bats</b>	R
<b>Birth Date</b>	6/26/79
<b>Organization Name</b>	Solano Steelheads-Western League
<b>2003 Contract Status</b>	Free Agent
<b>Nationality</b>	Japan
<b>Visa</b>	Required
<b>Player Make-up/Personality</b>	He is eager to play and has a strong desire to achieve higher goal.
<b>Player type</b>	High Average hitter with superb baseball mind. Think deep and well in tough situation, and would turn it to the next opportunity. Weak on the defensive side
<b>60 Yard Run</b>	6.9 sec
<b>Scouting Report</b>	In words.

### Scouting Report

He possesses an outstanding baseball mind and spirit. He has a fast hand and has a great patience at the plate. He has a skill that allows him to foul off the pitches he does not like and could wait for better pitches. His swing plain is simple yet effective. His swing comes right out of his right shoulder without any extra movement. Hence he can hit hard and quick on any pitches.

Also he appears not so fast from his 60 yard run time, he was once a steal base champ in his college year. He achieved this title not by his speed, but also by his skill to start off quicker than ordinary players.

He is not known for defensive abilities that may have caused him a price of not being drafted by Japanese teams despite the fact that he had received high evaluations on his offensive skills, and was considered one of the top 2000 in the 2001 draft off college.

However, since he started playing the first base, he outstands as a defensive player due to the experiences as third base for the longest time.

He played in Western league for Solano Steelheads in 2002 for the last month and half as the incoming prospect for 2003 season, but the league was closed for the 2003 season. Due to the last announcement of the league closure and the lack of time to obtain a visa to play in the US, he was not able to play in the US in 2003.



<b>Last name</b>	Yamamoto
<b>First Name</b>	Takeshi
<b>Position</b>	Outfielder – Left Field
<b>Ht</b>	6'2"
<b>Wt</b>	211
<b>Throw</b>	R
<b>Bats</b>	R
<b>Birth Date</b>	11/19/80
<b>Current Level of Baseball</b>	College
<b>Organization Name</b>	Nippon University
<b>2003 Contract Status</b>	Graduating in March 2003
<b>Nationality</b>	Japan
<b>Visa</b>	Required
<b>Player Make-up/Personality</b>	Has a strong desire to become professional. Quiet, but possesses hidden passions for baseball within.
<b>Player type</b>	Power hitter.
<b>60 Yard Run</b>	7.0 sec
<b>Scouting Report</b>	In words.

### Scouting Report

Hit 6 HRs in a simulated game at Lefebvre Baseball Training Center's Professional Tryout Camp on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2003. And hit 2 singles to the center field and the left-center field in another simulated game.

Defensively, he is a decent third base man with a strong arm and accurate throwing ability.

He has no professional experience, but has outstanding records from his college and high school indicating his power.